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TRAINS IN A WRECK.

Five Men Killed and Several Hurt Near Piedmont, Va.

Five Persons Dead and Ten Injured Near Albion, La.—Three Killed and Five Injured in a Collision Near Adel, Ia.

Piedmont, Va., Dec. 14.—Five men were killed and several severely injured by the overturning of two engines, attached to a heavy B. & O. freight train on the "17-mile grade" Sunday near this city.

The dead: Engineer Ernest D. Brown, 28 years old, Cumberland, Md.; Engineer Emory E. Brown, 56, of Tunnelton, W. Va.; Fireman Walter B. Mine, 52, Terra Alta, W. Va.; Fireman J. V. Carter, 28, North Carolina (boarded in Cumberland); Brakeman John Hays, 23, Staunton, Va.

The more seriously injured were: Engineer Michael J. Gibson, 30 years of age, Cumberland, Md., fatally crushed; Fireman E. C. Buckler, Terra Alta, W. Va., legs, arms and head cut and bruised; Brakeman P. F. Bollinger, Gratton, W. Va., seriously crushed.

While descending the "17-mile grade" the train, to which were attached two engines, left the track. The engines and nearly all of the 24 loaded cars tumbled into a deep ravine, carrying the trainmen with them. The tracks were torn up for nearly a hundred yards, but it is thought that traffic will be resumed in a few hours.

Ottawa, Ia., Dec. 14.—Five persons were killed and ten injured in a wreck Sunday morning on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy road, three miles west of Albion, Ia. The west-bound passenger train was in some manner derailed while running on to the Cedar creek bridge, and five cars were wrecked by collision with the steel girders of the bridge. The wreckage immediately took fire and several of the victims were badly burned.

Just what caused the accident is a mystery. As soon as the engineer noticed there was something wrong, he applied the air brakes, but was unable to stop the train. Five cars were completely burned and the remaining coaches badly damaged.

The work of rescue was carried on with difficulty, as the cars took fire immediately after the accident and the bridge is a high one. The injured were taken to Albion and Ottumwa.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 14.—Three men were killed and four injured in a freight collision early Sunday morning on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road, near Adel, Ia. A double-headed west-bound and an extra freight east-bound came together in a deep cut on a sharp curve. Three engines and 14 cars were entirely demolished.

COMMITTED SUICIDE.

Ex-Clerk in Paymaster General's Office Fired Bullet Into His Brain.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Standing before a looking glass to make sure aim, Joseph Hattie Thibault, 61 years of age, of Falls Church, Va., shot himself through the forehead in a local hotel some time between 9 o'clock Saturday night and 1 o'clock Sunday. He was formerly a clerk in the paymaster general's office. A letter found on the bureau, believed to have been written just before the suicide, shows Thibault to have been in financial straits and that he imagined himself to be the victim of a conspiracy.

Prior to coming to Washington four years ago the writer says he had been a citizen of Atlanta, Ga., continuously engaged in business enterprises, for 27 years.

ON FLOATING ICE.

Two Men Who Were Rescued Were Later Drowned in a Squall.

Middleboro, Mass., Dec. 14.—After being blown more than half a mile Sunday over the surface of Lake Ashaway on a piece of ice, which had broken away from the shore while the men were standing upon it, Harry Hagins, aged 22, and Frank Allen, 26, were rescued from their dangerous position by A. Lewis, who rowed cut to them, only to lose their lives by drowning when the boat was swamped by a squall. Lewis clung to the craft and was rescued.

IN THE AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Milwaukee's Chances For Being Represented Is Good.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 14.—A report is in circulation in this city to the effect that Milwaukee's chances for being represented in the American league next year are very favorable. The Milwaukee Sentinel has information that an offer for the purchase of the Detroit franchise has been made by a Milwaukee man and is favorably considered and it is said the powers in the American league favor placing Milwaukee in the circuit.

Another Revolution Probable.

Washington, Dec. 14.—According to advice received at the state department from United States Minister Powell at San Domingo city, there is ready to be a revolution in the newly formed provisional government, with prospects of another revolution.

Recording Telephone Conversations.

London, Dec. 14.—The Daily Mail announces that successful experiments have been made with the system of recording conversations over the telephone by a combination of a telephone and phonograph.

A CANADIAN NAVY.

Arranging For Bids For Two New Modern Built Cruisers.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—The Dominion government has arranged to call for tenders for two new cruisers of modern build, one for service on the Atlantic coast and one for the Great Lakes. Experience of past years has been that present cruisers are too slow. The cruiser for the Atlantic coast will be capable of 17 knots and will be 700 tons. It will be well equipped with guns and will carry a crew of 60. The lake cruiser will be of 540 tons and capable of 16 knots, with a crew of 45. She will be built in Toronto, while the Atlantic cruiser will be constructed by Vickers & Maxima, of England. These boats may be regarded as the first installment of Canada's navy.

St. John's, N. F., Dec. 16.—It is understood that the Canadian government is likely to purchase for a permanent cruiser the Newfoundland sailing steamer Neptune, which is now in Hudson bay with a Canadian expedition, and that another ship is being sought for her.

Both vessels will be used in enforcing the Canadian laws against American whalers.

A DEMOCRATIC VICTORY.

Mayor Patrick Collins Re-Elected at Boston By a Big Plurality.

Boston, Dec. 16.—The democrats won an overwhelming victory in the municipal election Tuesday. Mayor Patrick Collins being re-elected by 563 plurality, the largest ever given a majority candidate in the history of the city. The board of aldermen next year will be solidly democratic and that party will have a large majority in the common council. The city as usual favored licensed liquor selling by a large majority. The election Tuesday was notable for the republican apathy. The vote for the candidate for mayor, George H. Swallow, falling off more than 33 per cent. from that given the party candidate two years ago, while it ran nearly 20 per cent. behind the vote of Gov. Bates at the state election last month.

HOTEL OFFICE ROBBED.

The Clerk and a Guest of the House Terribly Beaten.

St. Louis, Dec. 16.—Three desperate men, armed with revolvers and hammer, entered the office of the Erie hotel Tuesday, and finding Clerk George Harding alone, knocked him down with a hammer. They continued beating him until he consented to open the safe. After the safe was opened, Harding was knocked senseless with the hammers. Victor Dausson, a guest of the hotel, entered the office, and the robbers promptly knocked him down and beat him senseless with the hammers. The trio then looted the safe of \$168 and fled. Harding and Dausson were found soon after, both lying unconscious, and were removed to the hospital. Dausson may die. The police have no clue.

MAJ. WM. H. GARLAND DEAD.

He Shook Hands With Every President Except Washington.

Johnson City, Tenn., Dec. 16.—Major William H. Garland, aged 94 years, is dead at the National soldiers' home here. He had shaken hands with every president of the United States except Washington. He was on the naval cadet detail that welcomed Lafayette on the second visit to America in 1824, and he at one time conversed with Napoleon Bonaparte on the island of St. Helena. Maj. Garland's wife and children were drowned in the Evansville, Ind., flood in 1884. He was for many years a Baptist minister.

ROBBED ON A SLEEPER.

D. A. Ross, Railway Conductor, Was Relieved of \$5,100.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 16.—D. A. Ross, a railway conductor living at Excelsior Springs, Mo., discovered at noon Tuesday that he had been robbed of \$5,100 in cash since leaving Washington, D. C., on the Big Four's sleeper to St. Louis. In the missing money roll was a \$500 gold certificate. Mr. Ross believes the money was taken between Indianapolis and Cincinnati. Cincinnati, Ohio, Big Four, Cincinnati and Indianapolis detectives are at work on the case.

The Refunding of Cotton Taxes.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Representative Williams introduced a bill providing for the refunding to certain states of cotton taxes paid in 1865, 1866 and 1867 and appropriating \$25,000,000 for that purpose.

Held to the Federal Grand Jury.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 16.—A. V. Keech, recently arrested on the charge of fraudulent connection with Mississippi Valley plaster distribution, was bound over in \$5,000 bail to the federal grand jury.

The Report to Be Printed.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The post office from the postmaster general committee of the house has received the Bristow report and the Conrad and Bonaparte report, which the committee ordered printed and made public.

After Another Island.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Senator Hepburn, of Idaho, Tuesday introduced a joint resolution requesting the president to acquire by annexation the island of San Domingo, the dependencies of San Domingo and Hayti.

MILITARY DIVISIONS.

Present Boundary Lines of Departments Changed.

The Northern Division Will Be Composed of the Present Departments of the Lake, of Missouri and of Dakota.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The secretary of war approved the recommendation of the general staff establishing military divisions and somewhat changing the present boundary lines of departments in the United States. There will be four divisions in the United States and one in the Philippines. The Atlantic division will constitute the present department of the east except the state of Louisiana, with the state of Tennessee added thereto, and will be composed of the department of the east and the department of the gulf. The headquarters of the department of the gulf will be located at Atlanta, Ga., and the headquarters of the division will be at Governor's Island, New York. Headquarters of the department of the east will be temporarily Governor's Island.

The northern division will be composed of the department of the lakes, the department of Missouri and the department of Dakota. The department of Missouri is enlarged by adding thereto the state of Wyoming, which has been detached from the department of Colorado. The headquarters of the northern division will be at St. Louis. The Pacific division will be composed of the present departments of California and Columbia. The headquarters of the division will be San Francisco.

The southwestern division will be composed of the departments of Colorado and Texas. The department of Texas will be enlarged by the addition of the states of Louisiana and Arkansas and Oklahoma and Indian territories. The headquarters of this division will be Oklahoma City, Okla. The Philippine division will remain as now constituted.

The following division commanders have been decided upon:

Atlantic division, Maj. Gen. Corbin; northern division, Maj. Gen. Bates; Pacific division, Maj. Gen. MacArthur; southwestern division, Maj. Gen. Sumner; Philippine division, Maj. Gen. Wade. The order becomes effective January 15, 1904.

The following officers have been designated to assume command of the several departments: Department of the gulf, Brig. Gen. Haines; of the lakes, Brig. Gen. Grant; of the Missouri, Brig. Gen. Wint; of the Colorado, Brig. Gen. Grant; of the California, Brig. Gen. MacArthur; of the Columbia, Brig. Gen. Funston; of the Colorado, Brig. Gen. Baldwin; of the Texas, Brig. Gen. Lee; of the Arizona, Brig. Gen. Lee; of the New Mexico, Brig. Gen. Lee; of the Philippines, Brig. Gen. MacArthur; of the Hawaiian Islands, Brig. Gen. MacArthur.

ESQUIMAULT NAVAL STATION.

British Government Is Heavily Reducing the Strength of Its Fleet.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The British government is heavily reducing the strength of the British fleet which makes its headquarters at Esquimault naval station, so that now beside the flag ship only two second-class cruisers and two steam launches are stationed there and the present commanding admiral is to be succeeded by a commodore when his term expires. The strength of the manned fortification, however, has been very much increased and large guns weighing 30 tons recently have arrived from England and placed so as to command the harbor where extensive mines also have been laid. The dry dock, too, is to be enlarged. The facts are reported by United States Consul Smith at Victor, B. C.

LIQUOR MEN'S ORGANIZATIONS.

A Plan Under Way to Merge the Three Orders Into One.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 16.—A plan has been under way for several months to merge the Knights of Fidelity, the Royal Arch and the National Liquor Dealers' association, the three organizations of liquor men. The three presidents have agreed to send representatives to a meeting which will be held at Cincinnati probably the first week in January to consider amalgamation which would unite 100,000 liquor dealers.

Reported Shortage.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 16.—It is reported here on what is considered good authority that there is a shortage of \$5,000,000 in the funds of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Co. and experts are now at work on the company's books in an effort to locate it. This shortage, it is said, was the cause of the suspension of operations at the steel works in Pueblo some weeks ago.

Inventor Frost Dead.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 16.—Edward J. Frost, an inventor of note, died here at his temporary home, 187 Charlotte avenue. The Frost or Plintch railroad coaches was one of his inventions. He was 65 years old.

Crusade on Policy Shops.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Indictments to the number of 150 were voted against alleged policy shop keepers by the grand jury. The action of the grand jury is the outcome of a crusade by the citizens' association.

FIFTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS.

Regular Session.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Senator Senator Teller concluded his speech in opposition to the Cuban reciprocity bill Wednesday and Senator Morgan also was heard in opposition to that measure. The Alabama senator devoted the greater share of his attention to the Panama canal question. He said that the United States had broken faith in failing to obey the Spooner law and warned Cuba that the same course might be followed by us towards that country in case the pending bill should become a law.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Senate.—The following bills were introduced Thursday: For the purchase of a national forest reserve in the White mountains, New Hampshire, to be known as the National White Mountain Forest Reserve. The bill makes an appropriation of \$5,000,000 to enable the secretary of agriculture to obtain the lands; to provide a government for the island of Tutuila, and adjacent islands. It is identical with a bill introduced in the 57th congress; also a bill to provide a government for the island of Guam; to make the provisions of the United States applicable to Porto Rico.

House.—The house adopted a resolution directing the judiciary committee to inquire into the official conduct of Charles G. Swayne, judge of the United States district court for the northern district of Florida, and to report whether the action of the house is requisite. Mr. Lamar (dem.) offered the resolution, announcing that he desired to impeach Judge Swayne. A lively debate was had before the resolution was adopted. A number of members on the majority side sought to have the resolution referred to the judiciary committee. It was ordered that a recommendation might be had from that committee before voting on its adoption. The first of the appropriation bills, the pension bill, was reported by the committee. It was given that it will be called on Friday for consideration.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Senate.—There were two speeches in the senate Friday on the Cuban reciprocity bill, one of them a statement by a democrat in support of the bill, and the other by a republican in opposition to it. The opposing speech was made by Mr. Bard (Cal.), who contended that the United States was under no obligation to give further aid to Cuba, especially when to do so must pursue a course injurious to our own industries. Mr. McCreary (Ky.) made his maiden speech in the senate and supported the bill as in line with our past policy. He contended that Cuba, especially because he believed it to be a step towards tariff reform.

House.—The birth of the republic of Panama and its independence by the government was the subject of a spirited debate in the house. Mr. Dinsmore (dem. Ark.), during consideration of the pensions appropriation bill severely criticized the administration in connection with the canal, and Mr. Hitt (rep. Ill.), chairman of the foreign affairs committee, replied in a vigorous defense of the president and his Central American policy. Nearly the whole of the four hour session was taken up in a discussion of the left-hand question. House adjourned over until Monday.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Senate.—The senate passed the Cuban reciprocity bill, the most of the time being occupied by Mr. Bailey (Tex.) in an elaborate argument against the constitutionality of the proceedings. He claimed that the treaty changing the revenue laws that was made at San Domingo in 1898, originating in the house of representatives was valid. Mr. Bailey also opposed the bill as a matter of general policy. Brief speeches were made by Senator Teller, Democrat of Colorado. The latter asserted that Cuba had adopted the same immigration laws as those of the United States in regard to Chinese immigration.

House.—The house was in session for a little more than four hours Monday during which there was a general discussion on varied topics. The pension appropriation bill was before the house but no conclusion on it was reached. The isthmian canal and the republic of Panama, the tariff, tobacco interests and questions affecting labor were debated.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Senate.—The senate continued the debate on the Cuban bill Tuesday. Mr. Perkins (Cal.) spoke for the measure, as did Mr. Simmons (N. C.). Mr. McCumber (N. D.) opposed it. Mr. Patterson (Col.) made an extended speech against the bill during which there were numerous colloquies between himself, Mr. Aldrich and Mr. Dilliver. With the former there was quite a lively debate on the tariff, in which Mr. Aldrich said the duty on sugar was too high. Mr. Dilliver replied to suggestions made by Mr. Patterson that Gov. Cummins, of Iowa, had changed his tariff views after having visited the white house.

House.—Rural free delivery, reciprocity with Canada and the new republic of Panama were topics of discussion in the house. The subject of rural free delivery was introduced by Mr. Maddox (dem. Ga.), who claimed that certain states had been favored in the establishment of routes. This allegation resulted in a lively discussion. Mr. Hepburn (rep. Ia.) and Mr. Hemenway (rep. Ind.), among others, replied on the republican side. Mr. Crumpacker (rep. Ind.) defended the course pursued by the administration in dealing with the Central American situation and replied to criticisms which have been made on the opposite side of the chamber.

The Panama Treaty Arrives.

New York, Dec. 16.—The Panama Railway Co.'s steamer arrived from Colon, bringing the signed canal treaty. The treaty is in a metal box in charge of Purser Arthur G. Nott, who turned it over to the representative of the government.

Proctor Funeral Observed.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The funeral of John R. Proctor, late president of the civil service commission, was held at St. John church, in this city, Tuesday, and the body subsequently interred in Rock Creek cemetery.

USE OF THE MAILS.

Two Bills to Strengthen the Laws in Regard to Them.

One Aims at "Get-Rich-Quick" Concerns—The Other Prohibits Guessing Contests Involving Award of Prizes For Estimates.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Two bills were introduced in the senate Tuesday by Senator Penrose designed to strengthen the laws regulating the use of the mails. One is aimed at the "get-rich-quick" concerns, another at guessing contests, and includes the District of Columbia and "all territory within the jurisdiction of the United States in the law forbidding the use of the mails for the transmission of lottery tickets.

The bills were drawn in the law revision of the post office department. The act of 1890, forbidding lotteries, is amended by inserting the following language in the prohibitory section: "Or any person or company conducting any competition or contest involving the award of a prize and based upon estimates, or conducting any scheme or device for betting, wagering or making pools upon horse races or other similar contests."

This amendment is held to be necessary by reason of the attorney general's holding that contests which involve the award of prizes obtained upon the relative accuracy of guesses or estimates as to the number of votes in a political election or the number of beans that a certain jar contains, etc., are not in violation of the present lottery laws. It is sought by the amendment also to protect the public against fraud as well as to suppress gambling which accompanies betting on horses. Betting on horse racing has been held not to be within the purview of the lottery laws. Consequently it is held that the only way by which these turf investment schemes can be suppressed under existing laws is upon the ground of fraud, in which case it is extremely difficult to obtain sufficient evidence to warrant action. Such evidence can not be obtained in any event until after the scheme has been in operation some time, and after the company has in its possession thousands of dollars of the people's money, of which, the issuance of a fraud order, experience has shown that the company retains a large part.

THE COAL OPERATORS.

Their 21st Conference Adjourned—No Definite Plans Formulated.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 16.—The two days' conference of Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia coal operators adjourned Tuesday afternoon, to meet again, probably in this city, next Tuesday or Wednesday. At the adjourned meeting it is understood more definite plans will be formulated to be presented to a joint conference at Indianapolis in January.

It is to be the intention of the operators to ask the miners to accept a reduction in wages for the good effect it will have on the coal trade as early as two months before the expiration of the wage contract on April 1.

The demand for coal now is said to be sluggish; the expected demand for coal following the reduction in the price of coal made possible by the lessening of the cost of production will stimulate the demand for fuel and have a beneficial effect on manufacturing generally.

TUG BOAT SUNK.

Six of the Crew Were Drowned in the Old Bed of Lake Concordia.

Natchez, Miss., Dec. 16.—The 140-ton tug boat Mattie M., owned by the Dixie Transportation Co., of New Orleans, engaged in towing cotton seed for the Standard Cotton Oil Co., of New Orleans, sank in 20 feet of water Tuesday morning at 3 o'clock in the old bed of Lake Concordia. The dead: Chris. Martin, white fireman, New Orleans; Joe Page, Negro cabin boy; three Negro cooks and one Negro roustant, names unknown. The cause of the sinking is attributed to the fact that the boat was heavily laden with coal and her guard rails were almost under water. A high wind prevailed at the time and it is believed the boat was swamped.

To Collect Taxes on Incomes.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, introduced a concurrent resolution in the house proposing an amendment to the constitution to give congress power to collect taxes on incomes.

To Reduce the Military Force.

Cripple Creek, Colo., Dec. 16.—Col. Verdebeck announced Tuesday that all troops guarding mines will be immediately withdrawn to the central camps and the military force in the district will be reduced to 350 men.

No General Strike.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Peace between the packing houses and their employees practically was assured Tuesday when all but one of the grievances of the striking cooper were adjusted. The strike brought an end to the general strike talk.

Bank Cashier Suicides.

New Haven, Ct., Dec. 16.—Ash C. Bushnell, cashier of the Yale national bank, shot himself a short time before the opening of business at the bank Tuesday and died an hour and a half later. His books were slightly tangled.

Interesting State News

SIX COLORED MEN ARRESTED.

Sleeping Man Struck With An Ax and His Throat Cut.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Dec. 14.—Six colored men were arrested at Pembroke, charged with the murder of the unknown white man whose mutilated body was found near there November 14. George Holland confessed that he cut the man's throat after Frank Merriweather had knocked him in the head with an ax handle. The Negro had seen the man in a saloon with a roll of bills, and followed him to where he had built a fire in the woods, and was found asleep.

Holland's queer actions gave a clue to the identity of the murderer. Ed Mosley had witnessed the murder, but did not recognize the men. In order to hide their crime the men cut off and mutilated the head of the victim and then buried it. There is another party implicated not yet arrested. A reward of \$400 has been offered for his arrest. The others arrested Saturday night were Frank Massey, Dick Carney, Charles Finch and Bill Garrett. All prisoners will be brought to this city.

COMPULSORY SCHOOLING.

Leading Educators Appointed to Push It in Kentucky.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 16.—The Civic league, of this city, in conjunction with representatives of the Woman's clubs, met in conference Tuesday night and drafted a bill which it is proposed to submit to the legislature for compulsory education and the establishment of truant officers in all districts in the state.

City School Superintendent M. A. Cassidy, President Harris A. Jenkins, of Kentucky university, and Prof. R. M. Roark, of State college, were appointed a committee to get the bill before the legislature and to secure the co-operation of other cities and school districts in the state.

WHILE DELIRIOUS.

Eugene Strother Jumped to His Death From a Window.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 15.—After a brief struggle with his trained nurse, while in a delirious condition, Eugene Strother, the son of John C. Strother, the attorney, and one of the best-known young men in the city, jumped from the third story window of his apartment in the St. James and died an hour later from the effects of his injuries received. Mr. Strother jumped from the window to the brick pavement below, a distance of nearly 75 feet.

Claim the Reward.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 14.—Suit against the Goebel reward commission in behalf of Detective William Harding and Detective Armstrong, of the Louisville detective force, will probably be filed in Frankfort this week by Attorney Aaron Kohn. The detectives claim \$5,000 for the arrest and conviction of Henry Youtsey. They will also file suits for rewards in the Powers and Howard cases.

Tobacco Factory Burned.

Bowling Green, Ky., Dec. 15.—Fire Monday morning destroyed the local plant of the Kentucky Tobacco Co. The insurance is \$6,000. The loss is considerably more. The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin. The fire commissioners will investigate.

For a Sprained Ankle.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 16.—The court of appeals affirmed the judgment of the Kentucky court in the case of Town of Bromley vs. Mary Bodkin, the latter having been awarded \$275 damages for a sprained ankle, caused by a defective plank sidewalk on one of Bromley's streets.

Louisville Tobacco Market.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 16.—Only 61 bids of tobacco were sold on the breaks Tuesday. Twenty-eight were buried and 33 were dark. The prices were fairly satisfactory. Dark ranged from \$2.20 to \$6 and buried brought from \$4.50 to \$9.

Applications Refused.

Owensboro, Ky., Dec. 16.—The applications for membership of J. C. Hoover and T. Townsend, two of the most prominent physicians in this city, were refused by the Davies County Medical society. The reason assigned is that they refuse to charge full fees for attending poor patients.

Surprised in a Still Camp.

Mayfield, Ky., Dec. 15.—Marshall C. M. Landall and his men, on a raid of the Christmas supply of whisky in Pound Gap region, surprised Will Watson in his still camp and arrested him at daylight.

School Boy Kills His Playmate.

Mayfield, Ky., Dec. 16.—Con Brooks and Novel Holmes, two boys about 16 years old, became involved in a difficulty while on their way from school near Mt. Zion church. Brooks drew his knife and stabbed young Holmes, from the effects of which he died.

Aged Woman Dies Suddenly.

Owensboro, Ky., Dec. 16.—Mrs. Nancy Short, of Panther, died suddenly Monday morning of neuralgia of the heart. She was 80 years old and had never been ill. She leaves a large number of descendants.

SUIT COMPROMISED.

Equitable Life Assurance Co. and the Wayne Heirs.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 15.—Attorney representing the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, and the heirs of R. C. Wayne Monday compromised the suit brought to recover the full amount on life insurance policies amounting to \$120,000 held in the Equitable company. The company agreed to pay \$90,000 for a release from its obligations. The suit was placed on trial Monday. A similar suit against the Provident Life and Savings Co. resulted in a verdict for \$74,000 in favor of the heirs on Saturday last. Wayne was a merchant well-known, but of only moderate means, who at the time of his death carried policies amounting to \$270,000. He was found dead of a gunshot wound, his shotgun lying on one side of a barbed wire fence and the body on the other. The companies, in view of the fact that a large part of the insurance was taken out during the year preceding his death, contested, endeavoring to prove suicide and also misrepresentation as to the state of his health at the time the policies were issued.

JEALOUS WOMAN'S DEED.

Called Her Alleged Rival to the Door and Shot Her to Death.

Paducah, Ky., Dec. 16.—Mrs. Will Burtram, young married woman, went to the house of Alice Johnson, at Benton, Tuesday afternoon, and calling her to the door, shot the woman in the head with a revolver. Miss Johnson died on her doorstep. Mrs. Burtram is in jail. The attentions of Will Burtram to Miss Johnson is said to have driven her to the deed. Mrs. Burtram is a daughter of E. E. Roberts, of Benton.

The Slot Machines Disappeared.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 15.—Slot machines and petty gambling devices suddenly disappeared from every saloon in this city as if by magic. The grand jury is in session. Court instructions to that body gave orders to wipe them out and intimidate he would call on the police force to aid in the work.

Court of Appeals' Decision Reversed.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The United States supreme court Monday decided the case of the Deposit bank of Frankfort, Ky., vs. the City of Frankfort, in favor of the bank, thus reversing the Kentucky court of appeals. The case involved the right of the city to levy certain taxes under the Hewitt act, which the bank resisted.

Dead at the Age of 90 Years.

Covington, Ky., Dec. 14.—James P. Fant, for nearly 40 years a retired merchant of this city, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. M. F. Pearse, Sunday night, at the ripe old age of 90 years. Mr. Fant was formerly of Massville, where he amassed a fortune in the tobacco business.

Boats Caught in An Ice Jam.

Owensboro, Ky., Dec. 16.—Navigation is suspended on the lower Ohio river. The river is frozen over at Hawesville. The steamer Tarascon, of the Louisville & Evansville packet line, and the Albany are caught in the ice jam and it is thought both boats are greatly damaged.